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1. Defense Minister General Falcon Briceno this morning sent me list of arms and equipment which Venezuelan armed forces "need urgently to counter probable disturbances to public order". List will be sent in following telegram.

2. Minister further sent oral inquiry whether Venezuelan Air Force should pick up in Panama or USAF would deliver. Would be preferable from our point view have Venezuelans pick up as less provocative to extremists.

3. Minister told me last night armed forces reserves 7.62 ammunition down to one million rounds, half million having been used Puerto Cabello uprising, and million additional rounds urgently needed.

4. Is assumption that deliveries will be emergency grant aid correct?

5. Chief Caracas Metropolitan Police has asked AID Public Safety Advisor to meeting this afternoon also indicating shortage tear gas. He is being advised coordinate with Minister Defense.

6. Further recommendations will follow. Meanwhile request (a) immediate reply on availability listed items, (b) immediate preparation of initial shipment emphasizing especially 7.62 ammunition

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ammunition to arrive here not later than evening October 24 as token prompt and effective support and (c) immediate despatch to Caracas of CINCARIB officer knowledgeable on riot control stockpile and on means and timing transport here. He will help Commander US Military Group in further refinements of substitutions in negotiations with Minister Defense.

7. Thus far there have been no incidents or rioting but some indications university student and other groups meeting to map out tactics and students may demonstrate this afternoon.

Commander US Military Group concurs.

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